

McGill Sustainable Events Certification Program

Social Economy Initiatives (SEIs)

What?

A Social Economy Initiative (SEI) is an association-based economic initiative founded on values of solidarity, autonomy and citizenship. These values could be manifested through:

- a purpose of service to members of the community rather than accumulating profit,
- autonomous management (i.e. not under decision-making authority of any public body),
- democratic governance and decision-making processes among the members,
- prioritization of people over capital and redistribution of profit, or
- operations based on participation, empowerment, and individual and collective accountability.

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Why?

By purchasing goods or services from Social Economy Initiatives, your event can help support and empower the important community endeavours that these initiatives work on.

How?

If you have yet to find your sponsors and suppliers, you may want to consult [this directory](#) of SEIs around the Montreal area and select suppliers based on your needs. If you have already started working with sponsors and suppliers, you can identify whether they are SEIs by inquiring with the business or service provider directly.

Some examples of SEIs in Montreal include:

- [Chic Resto Pop](#) (food and catering)
- [La Cuisine Collective Hochelaga-Maisonneuve](#) (food and catering)
- [Resto Plateau](#) (food and catering)
- [Coop La Maison Verte](#) (groceries and household products)
- [Ten Thousand Villages](#) (accessories and household products)
- [Les Petites Mains](#) (clothes and accessories, food and catering)
- [Santropol Roulant](#) (community service)
- [Inter-Mission](#) (food and catering)
- [Mealshare](#) (food and catering)